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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: WEIZMAN-EITAN-BEN GAL LINE UP

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1. WE CAN CONFIRM AMBASSADOR LEWIS' EFFORTS TO GET WEIZMAN AND THE GENERALS ON THE SAME WAVE LENGTH CONCERNING THE LAF IN SOUTHERN LEBANON PAID OFF. QUOTED BELOW IS AN EXCERPT OF THE REPORT COVERING UNIFIL'S AUGUST 16 MEETING WITH GENERAL BEN GAL IN ROSH HANIKRA.

2. QUOTE A. BASICALLY, BEN GAL FELT THAT, CONCERNING SRIFA, KALAWIAYH AND KFAR DUNI, THE REACTION OF THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS TO THE PRESENCE OF THE LEBANESE ARMY IN ANY OF THESE AREAS WOULD NOT BE AS STRONG AS WOULD BE THE CASE IF ARMY DEPLOYED IN TIBNIN.

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B. INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO PREVENT HADDAD FROM FIRING BUT WOULD DO HIS UTMOST TO RESTRAIN HIM. HE ASSURED US THAT HE WOULD ALWAYS INTERVENE AS RAPIDLY AND EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN CEASEFIRE.
C. RECOMMENDED THAT LEBANESE ARMY PULL OUT OF KAUKABA BEFORE MOVE TO SRIFA OR OTHER POSITION TO AVOID FURTHER SHELLING OF KAUKABA. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE

MOVES UNDER CONSIDERATION SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN PUBLICITY
OTHERWISE HADDAD AND MILITIAS WOULD WORK THEMSELVES INTO
STATE OF EXCITEMENT WHEN CONTROLLING THEM WOULD BECOME
MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. ALL HE NEEDED WAS 48 HOURS ADVANCE
NOTICE AND RELEVANT INFORMATION ON LOCATION, MEANS OF
TRANSPORTATION TO PREPARE HADDAD PSYCHOLOGICALLY TO ACCEPT
LEBANESE ARMY PRESENCE IN SRIFA OR OTHER LOCATION.
D. CONSIDERED THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE ON PART OF
ARMY COMMAND TO STOP THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO SOLDIERS
WITH HADDAD AND SHIDIAK. UNQUOTE
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